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Following agreement here February 28, French and British Embassies at Bonn will presumably receive instructions shortly to co-operate in working out in consultation with appropriate military headquarters, procedure for identification of Allied vehicles using Autobahn.

Re Bonn's 18/5 we see no objection if three Embassies prefer preliminary co-ordination at Berlin rather than Bonn. Leave to Embassy's discretion whether tripartite discussion should be postponed briefly in order work out US position but believe it essential avoid creating impression we do not regard completion identification procedures as urgent.

If British suggest identification procedures might include permitting GDR personnel place time stamp on travel document or separate piece of paper

## Embassy

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Embassy should vigorously oppose. We believe stamping of papers under such circumstances would create situation difficult distinguish from acquiescence in performance by GDR of functions re our access heretofore performed by Soviets. Result would be impression we had accepted substitution GDR for Soviet personnel.

Defense concurs.

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